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FLORA.

Observations.

GÖTTINGEN.

Meridian.

(Professor Gauss.)

1847.	Dec. 10	Göttingen M. T.			R. A.			N.P.D.			
		h	m	s	66	°	'	26.2	75	°	'
	11	11	4						37		9.9
	12	6	7		32	5	4		34	17	4
	12	11	11		66	16	59.8		31	20	0

HAMBURG.

Meridian Circle.

(M. Rümker.)

1847.	Nov. 16	Hamburg M. T.			R.A.			N.P.D.			
		h	m	s	73	°	'	"	76	°	"
	17	5	59.2		72	55	41.3		12	52	9
	18	13	1	6.8	72	41	31.8		12	27	1
	21	12	46	21.7	71	57	3.8		10	33	8
	22	41	23.1		41	37	4		9	45	8
	24	31	26.3		71	10	1.4		7	47	8
	27	16	23.5		70	21	8.0		4	7	9
	28	12	11	21.4	70	4	31.0		76	2	41.9
	Dec. 1	11	56	13.8	69	14	26.4		75	57	46.7
	4	41	6.4		68	24	22.2		51	53	7
	7	26	2.0		67	35	4.1		44	59	0
	8	11	21	1.7	67	18	56.3		42	29	9
	18	10	32	4.3	64	53	57.4		11	15	6
	19	27	18.8		41	31	5		7	35	0
	20	10	22	35.6	64	29	38.4		75	3	45.7

HAMBURG. With the Equatoreal and Micrometer. (M. Rümker.)

1847.	h	m	s	°	'	"	°	'	"
Nov. 21	9	1	7.8	71	59	35.1	76	10	38.2
25	8	21	7.5	70	55	46.4	76	6	55.6
Dec. 4	9	14	4.4	68	26	6.6	75	52	7.6
6	15	5	29.1	67	50	10.7	75	47	13.5
17	7	43	15.4	65	8	31.6	75	15	23.2

WASHINGTON.

(Lieut. M. F. Maury, U.S.N.)

1847.	Washington M.T.			R.A.			N.P.D.	No. of Obs.	Star of Comp.			
	h	m	s	h	m	s	°	'	"			
Nov. 29	12	5	11	4	39	5.64	76	0	46.1	2	1	*Mer. C.
						5.51				1		W. Tran.
Dec. 3	11	44	55	34	27	70	75	53	25.2	1	1	Mur. C. <i>a</i> in R.A.
	13	25	15		22	37		19	2	18	6	Equat. <i>a</i>
4	6	54	30	33	35	16				8		Equat. <i>b</i>
	6	46	40				75	51	45.2	2	—	<i>b</i>
6	8	0	23	31	19	44	75	47	8.2	12	5	— <i>b</i> and <i>c</i>
	11	29	50	31	9	51				7		W. Tran.
				9	83		75	46	48.9	7	1	Mer. C.
						48.8				1		Mur. C.
7	11	24	49	30	4	35	75	44	21.1	7	1	Mer. C.
				4	48					5		W. Tran.
							75	44	23.5		1	Mur. C.
8	11	19	49	4	29	0.20				5		W. Tran.
				0	38		75	41	51.1	7	1	Mer. C.
										56.0	1	Mur. C.

The observations are corrected for refraction only.

Mean Places of the Stars of Comparison, 1847°0 :—

R.A.	h	m	s	N.P.D.	°	'	"	Authorities.	Decl.
<i>a</i>	4	33	25.76	75	58	18.7		Rümker, 1256.	Washington Obs.
<i>b</i>	37	54	23		45	8.7		Bessel, iv. 824, H.C. p. 203.	—
<i>c</i>	4	36	4.45	75	39	44.5		Rümker, 1265.	—

* The names of the observers, though given by Lieut. Maury, are omitted here from want of space: there can be no doubt of their skill or fidelity. The wealth of the Observatory in instruments is rather perplexing: a large Equatoreal, a Transit, distinguished by its locality as West, a Meridian Circle, and a Mural Circle, have all been employed.

Elements. By Mr. Graham, of the Observatory, Markree.

Epoch 1848, Jan. 1^o, Greenwich Mean Time.

Mean Anomaly	35 33 0 ^o 27
π	33 26 55 ^o 31
Ω	110 13 26 ^o 98
i	5 53 57 ^o 12
ϕ	8 55 59 11
μ = 1085 ^o 8205	Log a = 0 ^o 3428324.

These elements are deduced from the South Villa Observations of October 18, and from the following Markree places:—

Greenwich M.T.	R.A.	N.P.D.
1847.	° ' "	° ' "
Nov. 17 ^o 569130	72 55 2 ^o 10	76 12 51 ^o 0
Dec. 18 ^o 462247	64 53 21 ^o 15	75 11 6 ^o 8

For the middle place:—

$$\text{Calcd---Obsd.}$$

$$\text{Longitude} = +1^{\circ}3$$

$$\text{Latitude} = -0^{\circ}2$$

Ephemeris. For Greenwich Mean Midnight.

By Mr. Hind, from his *Third Elements*.

1848.	R.A.	N.P.D.	1848.	R.A.	N.P.D.
Feb. 1	h m s	° ' "	Feb. 22	h m s	° ' "
2	4 18 36 ^o 97	71 9 30 ^o 0	23	4 40 55 ^o 48	69 2 38 ^o 6
3	19 24 ^o 64	71 3 15 ^o 5	24	42 14 ^o 67	68 56 59 ^o 4
4	20 14 ^o 11	70 57 1 ^o 4	25	43 35 ^o 06	51 23 ^o 3
5	21 5 ^o 35	50 47 ^o 9	26	44 56 ^o 64	45 50 ^o 3
6	21 58 ^o 33	44 35 ^o 0	27	46 19 ^o 38	40 20 ^o 6
7	22 53 ^o 01	38 23 ^o 0	28	47 43 ^o 27	34 54 ^o 2
8	23 49 ^o 38	32 12 ^o 0	29	49 8 ^o 28	29 31 ^o 3
9	24 47 ^o 39	26 1 ^o 8	March 1	50 34 ^o 40	24 12 ^o 1
10	25 47 ^o 01	19 52 ^o 7	2	52 1 ^o 61	18 56 ^o 6
11	26 48 ^o 21	13 44 ^o 8	3	53 29 ^o 88	13 44 ^o 9
12	27 50 ^o 96	7 38 ^o 3	4	54 59 ^o 20	8 37 ^o 1
13	28 55 ^o 23	70 1 33 ^o 3	5	56 29 ^o 56	68 3 33 ^o 4
14	29 1 ^o 01	69 55 30 ^o 0	6	58 0 ^o 93	67 58 33 ^o 8
15	30 8 ^o 25	49 28 ^o 5	7	4 59 33 ^o 28	53 38 ^o 4
16	31 16 ^o 93	43 29 ^o 0	8	5 1 6 ^o 60	48 47 ^o 3
17	32 27 ^o 02	37 31 ^o 6	9	2 40 ^o 86	44 0 ^o 7
18	33 38 ^o 48	31 36 ^o 4	10	4 16 ^o 04	39 18 ^o 6
19	34 51 ^o 28	25 43 ^o 6	11	5 52 ^o 11	34 41 ^o 0
20	35 20 ^o 83	14 5 ^o 6	12	9 6 ^o 88	25 39 ^o 9
21	36 39 37 ^o 53	69 8 20 ^o 7	13	5 10 45 ^o 54	67 21 16 ^o 6

1848.	R.A.			N.P.D.			1848.	R.A.			N.P.D.		
	h	m	s	°	'	"		h	m	s	°	'	"
Mar. 14	5	12	25.02	67	16	58.3	April 8	5	57	30.21	65	59	29.3
15	14	5.31		12	45.0		9	5	59	25.48	57	42.2	
16	15	46.37		8	36.9		10	6	1	21.18	56	1.6	
17	17	28.18		4	33.9		11	3	17.28		54	27.5	
18	19	10.74	67	0	36.2		12	5	13.76		52	59.9	
19	20	54.02	66	56	43.8		13	7	10.63		51	38.8	
20	22	38.01		52	56.8		14	9	7.84		50	24.3	
21	24	22.69		49	15.3		15	11	5.40		49	16.5	
22	26	8.05		45	39.3		16	13	3.31		48	15.3	
23	27	54.08		42	8.9		17	15	1.53		47	20.7	
24	29	40.76		38	44.2		18	17	0.05		46	32.8	
25	31	28.08		35	25.2		19	18	58.86		45	51.6	
26	33	16.02		32	12.0		20	20	57.97		45	17.0	
27	35	4.58		29	4.6		21	22	57.38		44	49.2	
28	36	53.74		26	3.1		22	24	57.08		44	28.1	
29	38	43.48		23	7.5		23	26	57.05		44	13.7	
30	40	33.80		20	17.9		24	28	57.28		44	6.1	
31	42	24.67		17	34.3		25	30	57.75		44	5.2	
April 1	44	16.10		14	56.9		26	32	58.45		44	11.1	
2	46	8.07		12	25.6		27	34	59.38		44	23.9	
3	48	0.56		10	0.5		28	37	0.53		44	43.5	
4	49	53.56		7	41.6		29	39	1.90		45	9.9	
5	51	47.04		5	29.0		30	41	3.49		45	43.2	
6	53	40.98		3	22.7		May 1	6	43	5.27	65	46	23.3
7	55	35.37	66	1	22.8								

This ephemeris gives the places of the planet reckoned from the *true* equinox of date: the aberration has not been applied. By adding the correction due to aberration from the annexed table to the values of the ephemeris, the *apparent* places of the planet will be obtained.

1848.	Corr. for Aberr.			497 ^s 8			1848.	Corr. for Aberr.			497 ^s 8			1848.
	R.A.	N.P.D.	× Δ	m	s	"		R.A.	N.P.D.	× Δ	m	s	"	Hor. Par.
Feb. 1	—0.37	—3.0		11	26.3		6.23	Mar. 20	—1.19	—2.6	16	27.0		4.33
5	0.44	3.1		11	49.6		6.02	24	1.25	2.4	16	52.7		4.22
9	0.51	3.1		12	13.5		5.82	28	1.32	2.1	17	18.2		4.11
13	0.58	3.2		12	37.9		5.63	April 1	1.37	1.9	17	43.7		4.01
17	0.65	3.2		13	2.6		5.46	5	1.43	1.6	18	9.0		3.92
21	0.72	3.2		13	27.6		5.29	9	1.49	1.3	18	34.0		3.83
25	0.79	3.2		13	52.9		5.13	13	1.54	1.0	18	58.8		3.75
29	0.86	3.1		14	18.4		4.98	17	1.60	0.7	19	23.3		3.67
Mar. 4	0.93	3.1		14	44.0		4.83	21	1.65	—0.3	19	47.6		3.60
8	1.00	3.0		15	9.7		4.69	25	1.69	0.0	20	11.5		3.53
12	1.06	2.9		15	35.5		4.56	29	—1.74	+0.4	20	35.1		3.46
16	—1.13	—2.7		16	1.3		4.44							